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Letter dated 19 June 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit the text of an appeal by the Heads of State of the States members of the Central Asian Economic Community on the situation in Afghanistan, adopted on 14 June 2000 at Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan.

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, under agenda items 20 (d), 24, 29, 46 and 166 of the preliminary list, and as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 19 June 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Appeal by the Heads of State of States members of the Central Asian Economic Community on the situation in Afghanistan

The Heads of State of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan,

Expressing deep concern about the escalation of military and political confrontation in Afghanistan, which continues to cause enormous suffering, destruction and senseless sacrifices,

Emphasizing that the Afghan conflict has today developed into a serious global problem and turned the country into a training ground for various kinds of terrorist extremist groups and a centre for the distribution of narcotic substances, trafficking in weapons and organized crime,

Pointing out that the enormous illegal proceeds of the drug trade are being used for the unlawful acquisition of weapons and thereby for the continuation of the senseless fratricidal war,

Noting that all this is creating a serious threat to security, in particular for the countries of Central Asia, and distracting them from their efforts to speed up the processes of democratization and economic reform,

Reaffirming that there is no military solution to the crisis in Afghanistan,

Expressing regret that the peacekeeping efforts of the United Nations, the regional organizations and individual countries to promote negotiations between the opposing parties in Afghanistan have not yet achieved positive results,

Emphasizing that the solution to the conflict situation in Afghanistan must be found only within the framework of the elaboration of measures for the establishment of a stable peace and the creation of a widely representative government taking into account the interests of all ethnic, political and religious groups without intervention from outside,

Appeal to the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the States which are permanent members of the Security Council of the United Nations to use their influence and authority and all the resources available to them to bring about a speedy and just settlement of the Afghan conflict with a view to putting a stop to the sufferings of the people of Afghanistan and maintaining regional and international security.

For the Republic of Kazakhstan
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For the Republic of Tajikistan
(*Signed*) E. **Rakhmonov**

For the Republic of Uzbekistan
(*Signed*) I. **Karimov**

Dushanbe, 14 June 2000.